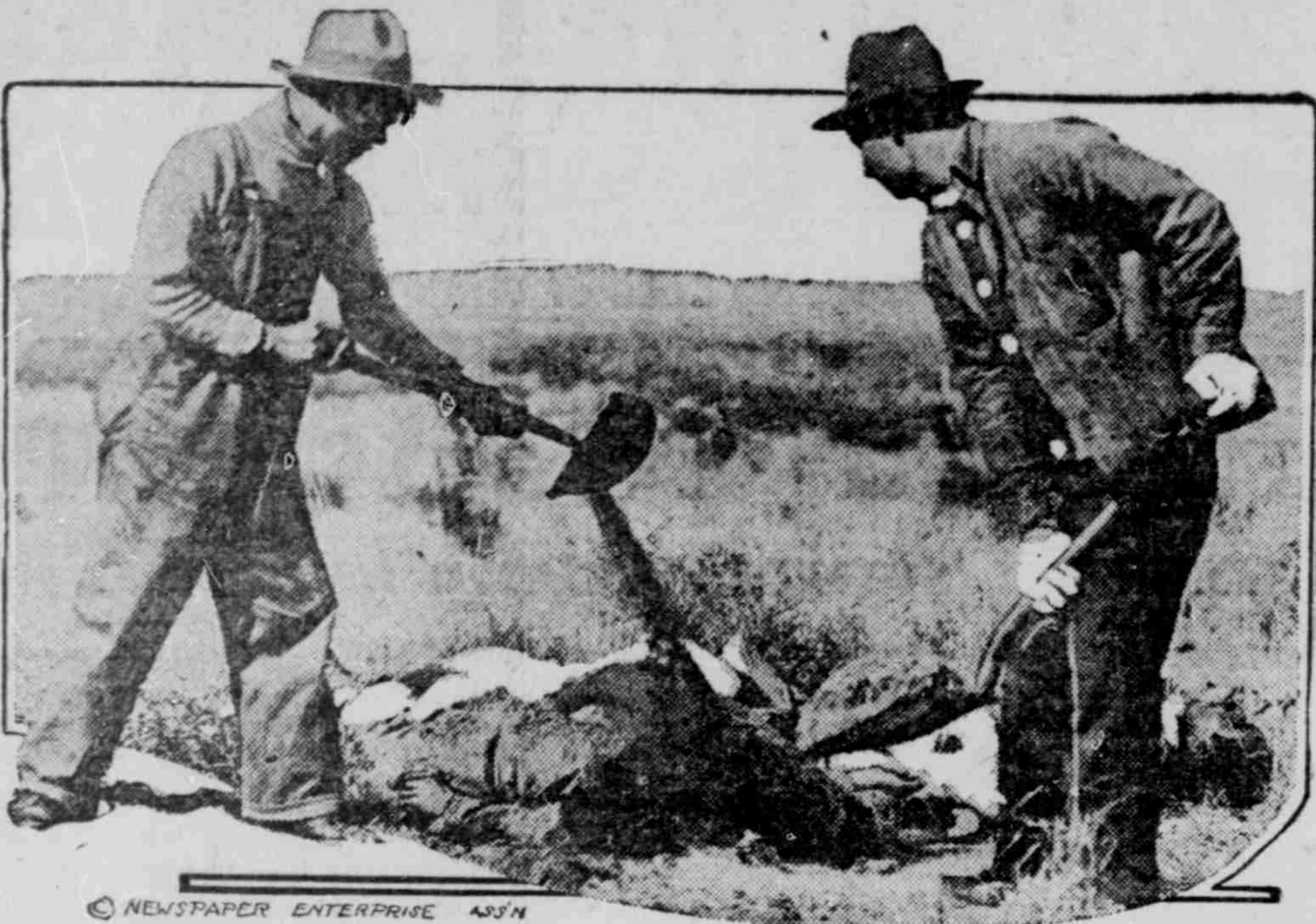


HOW THEY BURY THE BATTLE-SLAIN DEAD IN MEXICO.



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THE MARSHAL

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(Continued from Tuesday.)

"Alize always wished me to be brilliant like Francois," Pietro spoke gently. "But I never could."

"Yet, Pietro, it is indeed your time," Alize threw at him eagerly. "Francois must be rescued or he will die."

"Yes," Pietro answered quietly. "Francois must be rescued."

He was silent a moment, as if thinking. His calm poised mind was working swiftly; one saw the inner action in the clear gray eyes. The general and Alize, watching him, saw it.

"I think I know how," he said.

CHAPTER XX

The Stone Staircase.

Battista's prisoner stood at the barred window high up the steep side of the castle and stared out wistfully at the receding infinity of blue—his meadow. In the three months since his letter had gone to France, he had grown old. The juices of his youth seemed dried up; his eyes were blood-shot, his skin yellow; there was no flesh on him. The waiting and hoping had worn on him more than the dead level of the hopeless years before. There was a new tenseness in the lightly-built figure, even in the long, delicate, strong fingers. The prisoner had caught a whiff of the air of home and was choking for a full breath.

It had not been so before. The brightness of his temperament had done him good service at first. Eager, vehement, energetic, he had the heart of a contented little child, and it had led him to play and be happy in his prison, as a buoyant child will make a boat of the chair in which he is set for a punishment and sail away into adventures. This man, developing out of the joy thrown into prison five years ago, might well prove to have imitations. Full of force and fire and gentleness, he had the virtues of his qualities, but he had their defects, too. It might yet well be that he would fall short in sober judgment; it might be that he would not be found fitted for any complication of responsibility. Yet there was in him something of the vision of the mystic.

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something of that power—called what it may be—which has in all ages worked miracles and moved mountains. Out of his companions, sea and sky and distance—out of great spaces outside and great silence inside his prison he had drawn power, and risen step by step in the years. On the foundation of the Catholicism in which he had been brought up he had built a religion whose breadth reached right and left beyond the old measure and covered living things with its charity; whose height stretched up into hopes undefined, of things unseen. All of this had comforted him and kept the glow of his soul undimmed.

But since Battista's son, the little Battista—who had been a fisherman and not much known about the castle—since he had gone to France with those two letters of Francois' sewed into his right coat sleeve, a restlessness all but unendurable had seized the prisoner. He knew as well as his jailer, tales of men thrown into dungeons coming out many years after old and broken—of men never coming out at all. No crueler tyrants than the Austrians ever ruled, and no more pitiless. And now that his letters had actually gone, now that they might actually be in the hands of the people he loved and who loved him, unrest tortured him. He counted the days of the journey, the chances of delay, he made allowances, and at last he believed, with a thrill of joy and of pain at each thought of it, that little Battista must have arrived at Vicques, that his mother and Alize must have his letters. With that, unrest grew fiercer. They could not help him. How could they do anything against the iron wall of Austrian power?

He said such things over to himself, even aloud, to keep down a hope which he could not bear to let grow, for fear of the anguish of its slow death. But the hope grew and was anguish in its growth. He could not help hoping, believing, that the general, that Pietro, that Alize, with her force and energy and inventiveness, would yet save him. And the hope and the fear racked him and he wasted away and burned as with fever.

"You are not well, my friend," said the governor. "The doctor must see you."

But Francois refused lightly and laughed and fell to singing an old peasant song of France which he had remembered lately; he got up on the table and droned it to an imaginary fiddle which he pretended to play after the manner of old Jacques Arne, who played for dances in Vicques.

"De tous cote's l'on dit que je suis bete. Cela se peut! Et cependant j'en ris. Car, mes amis, si j'y perd la tete, Je n'y perd pas pour cela, l'appetit!"

Assis a table, a l'ombre d'une treille, Jebois et ris. Et galement je m'ecrie En avalant bouteille sur bouteille, A quoi sert l'esprit?"

So ran the song. And the governor was taken with a violent fancy for it. He roared at it, and sang it over in fragments till he had learned it, and then he sang it and roared again and slapped his knee; there was a droll comedy in Francois' rendering also, not to be explained—and the count said that Francois must come to his rooms the next night for dinner and sing him the song again and also listen to a new one of his own. (To be continued.)

WILSONS EXPECTED TO JOIN ORDER OF SPUGS

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and Miss Margaret Wilson are expected to attend Wednesday a meeting for the formation of a local branch of the Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving. Mrs. August Belmont of New York, one of the founders of the "Spugs" is to make the principal address.

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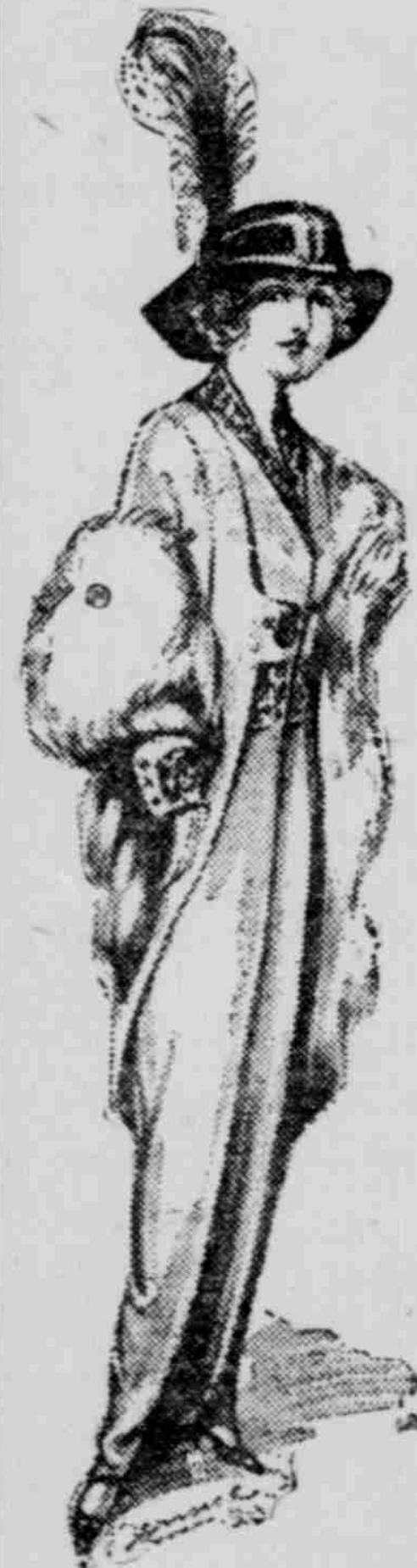
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